

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1686
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CLOSURE OF HANDICRAFT INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of handicraft units lying closed in the country, especially in Gujarat, State-wise;
- (b) the number of workers left unemployed;
- (c) the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to provide alternate employment to these workers?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

- (a): Handicrafts being an unorganized and dispersed sector, majority of the artisans are self-employed and work in the informal sector. No closure of handicrafts units in the country, including the State of Gujarat has been reported to the Government.
- (b) to (d): Do not arise.